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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/436,219
Akira NAGAE et al.
Your Ref: 104721 Our Ref: AT-F-1227

Dear Messrs JAO:RJW:

Further to our letter of July 17, 2001, we would like to ask you to make a supplemental Information Disclosure to inform the Examiner of the following U.S. patents:

USP 6,178,368

USP 6,179,394

Please obtain copies of the above U.S. patents on ⁴our side and charge us the costs.

The above patents are two of the eleven U.S. patents cited by the Examiner with the asterisk (*) in the Notice of Allowance received on the co-pending U.S. patent application No. 09/520,789, Your Ref. 105667, Our Ref. AT-F-1237, in which it was informed by an IDS that the application is related with the present application.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Very truly yours,

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